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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 16, 2002

PETITION OF

UNITED TELEPHONE - SOUTHEAST, INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00074

For Extended Local Service
from United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.'s
Saltville Exchange to its Glade Spring,
Meadowview, and Abingdon Exchanges

ORDER DIRECTING POLL

In December 2001, telephone subscribers in United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.'s ("United") Saltville exchange petitioned the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for Extended Local Service ("ELS") to United's Glade Spring, Meadowview, and Abingdon exchanges. On March 12, 2002, the Commission received from United a cost study for the Saltville Exchange that was used to estimate the change in monthly rates that would result from the requested extension of local service.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the petition and § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia, finds that this matter should be docketed and that United should poll its customers in the Saltville Exchange regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local calling to the Glade Spring, Meadowview, and Abingdon Exchanges.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC-2002-00074.

(2) United shall poll its Saltville Exchange customers to determine whether a majority of those customers are willing to pay an increase in rates for local calling to the Glade Spring, Meadowview, and Abingdon Exchanges of United. United shall file the results of its poll with the Commission on or before September 13, 2002.

(3) Pending a successful ballot in the Saltville Exchange, United shall provide the Commission's Division of Communications, as soon as possible, but no later than December 13, 2002, a cost study for United's Glade Spring, Meadowview, and Abingdon Exchange customers to have ELS to the United Saltville Exchange.

(4) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.